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October 26, 2000

Lawrence Noble, Esq. General Counsel **Federal Election Commission** 999 E Street, N.W., 6th Floor Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Mr. Noble:

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This complaint asserts that the Dick Zimmer, Zimmer 2000 and Maria Chappa as Treasurer, and the National Republican Congressional Committee ("NRCC") violated the Federal Election Campaign Act (the "Act"), 2 U.S.C. §§ 431 et seq., and related regulations of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or the "Commission"), 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.1 et seq.

Here the violation is extraordinarily clear. In the closing days of this campaign, the NRCC funnelled an illegal \$66,500 excessive contribution to Dick Zimmer. Like any other PAC, the NRCC may only directly contribute \$5,000 to Zimmer's campaign. See 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(2)(A). The attached "48 Hour Notice of Contributions/Loans Received" proves that on October 20, 2000, the NRCC and Zimmer brazenly exceeded this limit by more than \$60,000. See Attachment A.

The citizens of New Jersey's 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District know very well that Dick Zimmer has a long history of flouting campaign finance laws. For example, a complaint is now before the Commission that details Zimmer's illegal coordination with a shadowy, outside group funded with soft money. Yet even the most cynical observer of Zimmer's sordid dealings would be shocked by the brazenness of this violation.

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